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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

RE: In the Matter of application of Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc., for a Certificate to Provide Competing Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services, Inc., Docket No. 00-00**223**


Dear Executive Secretary:

Enclosed is an original and fourteen (14) copies of Small and Minority-owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan in the above matter. Please file the original and 13 copies. Please return the additional copy to me marked "filed" in the enclosed envelope.

This is the last outstanding request from the information request served by Darrel Whitis.

Please let me know if the Authority requires additional information.

Sincerely,



Karen Nations

Enclosure
SASE
Cc:
Darrel Whitis

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METROMEDIA FIBER NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

SMALL AND MINORITY-OWNED
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS
PARTICIPATION PLAN

Pursuant to T.C.A. 65-5-212, as amended, Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc., ("MFNS") submits this small and minority-owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan (the "Plan") along with its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competing intrastate interexchange and local exchange services in Tennessee.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of Section 65-5-212 is to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned business to provide goods and services to Telecommunications service providers. MFNS is committed to the goals of Section 65-5-212 and to taking steps to support the participation of small and minority-owned Telecommunications business in the Telecommunications industry. MFNS will endeavor to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned Telecommunications businesses to compete for contracts and subcontracts for goods and services. As part of its procurement process, MFNS will make efforts to identify and inform minority-owned and small businesses that are qualified and capable of providing goods and services to MFNS of such opportunities. MFNS' representatives have already contacted the Department of Economic and Community Development, the administrator of the small and minority -owned Telecommunications assistance program, to obtain a list of qualified vendors. Moreover, MFNS will seek to increase awareness of such opportunities so that companies not otherwise identified will have sufficient information to participate in the procurement process.

II. DEFINITIONS

As defined in Section 65-5-212:

Minority-Owned Business. Minority-owned business shall mean a business which is solely owned, or at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the assets or outstanding stock of which is owned, by an individual who personally manages and controls daily operations of such business, and who is impeded from normal entry into the economic mainstream because of race, religion, sex or national origin and such business has annual gross receipts of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00).

Small Business. Small Business shall mean a business with annual gross receipts of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00).

III. ADMINISTRATION

MFNS Plan will be overseen and administered by the individual named below, hereinafter referred to as the Administrator, who will be responsible

for carrying out and promoting MFNS' full efforts to provide equal opportunities for small and minority businesses. The Administrator of the Plan will be:

Mr. Mark Hahn
Vice President, Finance, Network Development
Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc.
One N. Lexington Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601
Telephone: (914) 421-6726
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The Administrator's responsibilities will include:

- (1) maintaining an updated Plan in full compliance with Section 65-5-212 and the rules and orders of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- (2) establishing and developing policies and procedures necessary for the successful implementation of the Plan.
- (3) preparing and submitting such forms as may be required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, including the filing of required annual updates.
- (4) serving as the primary liaison to and cooperate with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, other agencies of the State of Tennessee, and small and minority-owned businesses to locate and use qualified small and minority-owned businesses as defined in Section 65-5-212.
- (5) searching for and developing opportunities to use small and minority-owned businesses and encouraging such businesses to participate in and bid on contracts and subcontracts.
- (6) providing records and reports and cooperate in any authorized surveys as required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- (7) establishing a record-keeping system to track qualified small and minority-owned businesses and efforts to use such businesses.
- (8) providing information and educational activities to persons within MFNS and training such persons to seek out, encourage, and promote the use of small and minority-owned businesses.

In performance of these duties, the Administrator will utilize a number of resources, including:

Chambers of Commerce
The Tennessee Department of Commerce
 Small Business Administration
 Office of Minority Business
The National Minority Supplier Development Counsel
The National Association of Women Business Owners
The National Association of Minority Contractors.
Historically Black Colleges, Universities, and Minority
Institutions

The efforts to promote and ensure equal opportunities for small and minority-owned business are primarily spelled out in the Administrator's duties above. Additional efforts to provide opportunities to small and minority-owned business will include offering, where appropriate and feasible, small and minority-owned business assistance with technical, insurance, bonding, licensing, production, and deadline requirements.

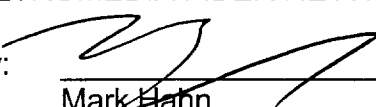
IV. RECORDS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS

MFNS will maintain records of qualified small and minority-owned business and efforts to use the goods and services of such businesses. In addition, MFNS will maintain records of educational and training activities conducted or attended and of the internal procurement procedures adopted to support this Plan.

MFNS will submit records and reports required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority concerning the Plan. Moreover, MFNS will cooperate fully with any surveys and studies required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

METROMEDIA FIBER NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

By:


Mark Hahn

Dated: